


Non-Executive Report of the: Overview & Scrutiny Committee 12 th May 2015	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Service Head for Corporate Strategy & Equality	Classification: Unrestricted
Overview & Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2014/15	

Originating Officer(s)	Mark Cairns
Wards affected	All wards

REASONS FOR URGENCY

The report was not published five clear days in advance of the meeting. The Chair of the Committee may, however, take the view that the report should be considered at the meeting on 12 May 2015, as it is the last meeting of the municipal year and the Committee as currently composed will be best placed to consider the content of the report.

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Annual Report summarises the work of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee and the Health Scrutiny Panel in the 2014-15 municipal year, and is presented to the Committee for its approval prior to being presented to Council.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Overview & Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:-

- Agree the report to be submitted to Council, and
- Authorise the Service Head for Corporate Strategy and Equality to amend the report after consultation with the chair of the committee prior to submission to Council.

3. BODY OF REPORT

- 3.1 Under the council's Constitution, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) must report annually to Council documenting the committee's activities during the past year, including on the work of the Health Scrutiny Panel.
- 3.2 This report sets out the various elements of this work in 2014/15, arranged by the portfolios held by lead members. This takes in its scrutiny of council and partners' services (including through dedicated "spotlights"), its contributions in reviewing budget proposals, and its work in leading improvement and policy development work, through reviews and challenge sessions. It also covers scrutiny of the executive's decision-making, through pre-decision questions, and call-ins by other members.
- 3.3 Additionally, the committee takes petitions from members of the public, and these are also included.

4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

- 4.1 This report provides a summary of the work carried out by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee during 2014-15.
- 4.2 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5. LEGAL COMMENTS

- 5.1 Article 6.03 (d) of the Council's constitution provides that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee must report annually to Full Council on its work. The report submitted to Council following this consideration will fulfil that obligation.

6. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 Reducing inequality, promoting community cohesion and building community leadership are all central to the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Where individual pieces of work have been undertaken by the committee (such as reviews, challenge sessions and reports back to Council), these have noted any One Tower Hamlets considerations.

7. BEST VALUE IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is an important part of the council's performance management framework, helping it to secure continuous

improvement as required under its Best Value duty through its scrutiny of budget proposals and service performance.

7.2 The committee has also provided input into the council's Best Value action plan, which supports its efforts to meet its duties in this regard.

8. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

8.1 There are no implications arising from this report.

9. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no implications arising from this report.

10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no implications arising from this report.

Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended) List of "Background Papers" used in the preparation of this report

Brief description of "background papers"	Name and telephone number of holder and address where open to inspection.
None	N/A

11. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Annual Report
